

into any contract or agreement, written or verbal, with the Industrial Accident Commission of the State of California, or any Industrial Accident or Casualty Insurance Company, to render any surgical services or attendance for a consideration less than is usually charged for similar services in private practice, or that named in the schedule of prices contained in the fee bill adopted by the Medical Society of Yuba and Sutter Counties; and be it further

"Resolved, That no member of this Society shall assist or counsel with any physician who shall sign or agree to enter into any such contract or agreement."

The above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution passed and adopted by unanimous vote at a meeting of the Yuba and Sutter County Medical Society, duly and regularly held at Marysville, Yuba County, California, on January 22, 1914.

YUBA AND SUTTER COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY.

By A. L. MILLER,

President.

By EVERETT EDWIN

GRAY,
Secretary.

BOOK REVIEWS

Diagnostic Methods. By H. T. Brooks. 8vo. Cloth. 2d Edition. Pp. 82. St. Louis. C. V. Mosby Co., Publishers. Price, \$1.00.

This book gives the standard laboratory tests. The remarks on their interpretation are just scanty and superficial enough to conduce to that slovenly and rule-of-thumb manner of working which is the bane of so many laboratories. The book is intended for "medical students, hospital internes and physicians who have a limited amount of time to give to laboratory work." These classes of workers may be strenuously urged not to use it, if their laboratory work is to be worth the doing.

L. E.

Manual of Obstetrics. By John Osborn Polak, M. Sc., M. D. D. Appleton & Co., publishers, 1913.

This handy little volume is a very good presentation of the essential facts and principles of obstetrics, and makes an excellent guide to anyone, student or practitioner, interested in the subject. It certainly fulfills the purpose for which the author wrote it.

C. B. M.

A Text-book of Physiology. By Isaac Ott. Fourth edition, revised and enlarged. F. A. Davis Company, publishers, Philadelphia, 1913. Price \$3.50.

This fourth edition is improved chiefly by additions to the physiology of the gastro-intestinal tract and of the heart. Too little attention is given the ductless glands. Consideration of the urinary secretion is given almost the same space as that allotted to the entire series of ductless glands. The book is condensed, yet easily readable. On still doubtful ground the statements of fact are conservative.

H. C. N.

The Elements of Bacteriological Technique. By J. W. H. Eyre, M. D., Director of the Bacteriological Department of Guy's Hospital, London. Second edition, rewritten and enlarged. Octavo of 518 pages, with 219 illustrations. Philadelphia and London: W. B. Saunders Company, 1913. Cloth, \$3 net.

The second edition of Eyre's well-known work on bacteriological technique presents some altera-

tions and additions made necessary by recent progress in this field.

This work is quite a mine of information for the bacteriological worker, covers the field of bacteriological technique quite thoroughly and is an invaluable companion. The illustrations are particularly helpful; directions are written in clear, concise English.

This book can be heartily recommended to all those interested in the study of bacteria, and this edition should surpass the well deserved circulation of its predecessor.

R. H. M.

"The Nervous and Chemical Regulators of Metabolism." Lectures by D. Noel Paton, M. D., B. Sc., Professor of Physiology in the University of Glasgow. Published by MacMillan & Co., Ltd., London, 1913. Price \$2.00.

In these days when verily there is no end to the making of books, it is a pleasure to read one so condensed and so well arranged as this one is. It covers the ground of internal secretions very much as Professor Schäfer did recently in the Lane Lectures. The fact that the author has been a steady contributor to the subject adds greatly to the value of his conclusions and his resumé of the literature.

There is one chapter on the so-called trophic influences from the central and autonomic nervous systems, and another very interesting one on the relations of internal secretion to nervous action. Recent studies have shown that these substances may act by sensitizing the sympathetic nerve endings. Lack of the secretions may entirely block the stimulus. The discussion on the interrelation of the different glands is, as usual, very interesting, and the charts on page 185 may be found convenient.

The thoughtful internist will find scattered throughout the book many suggestions for diagnosis and treatment.

W. C. A.

"A Manual of X-Ray Technic." By A. C. Christie. Published by J. B. Lippincott Co., Philadelphia and London, 1913. Price, \$2.00.

It is a pleasure to find a short book on X-ray work which is quite up-to-date and not padded with pictures of interest to the historian alone. It has been written, primarily, to help army physicians, when, on a transfer, they find themselves suddenly obliged to use X-ray apparatus. What has been included is good, and our only regret is that the book is so short. The great need today is for authentic information that will guide a man in purchasing his new outfit. X-ray salesmen are generally eligible for high office in the Ananias Club, and therefore are of little help to the poor doctors. For instance, the head of the factory that sold us our second coil assured us that there was absolutely no inverse to the wonderful machine. We humbly asked why two large valve tubes were included in the outfit and were told that that was just to help us at the beginning; when we learned how to adjust our tubes we would have no further trouble.

For good serious work the rotary transformer has come to the front and its principle is well explained in Dr. Christie's book.

Although the developer he advises may be good, it is probably better to use the formula that comes with each plate. If the manufacturer's chemists do not know what to use, nobody will.

The book is well worth the money and many men will doubtless find it more satisfying and convenient than the larger, more elaborate but less up-to-date books.

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